



Environmental Purchasing Bulletin

2008 Annual Report & Award

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Introduction

The 2008 King County Environmental Purchasing Annual Report, which details **54 million dollars** worth of environmentally preferable products purchased by County agencies in the past year, is now available. These purchases include items such as recycled paper, remanufactured toner cartridges, re-refined oil, bio-based lubricants, and hybrid vehicles. In addition to increasing King County's level of support of markets for these materials, these purchases also brought **\$837,000** in **savings** to County agencies.

We would like to thank all of the King County agencies that contribute to this success year after year.

2008 Annual Report



The 2008 Environmental Purchasing Report
is now available!

It's posted on the [website](#)

or call for a hard copy

Details of the purchases, savings, and product experiences of County agencies can be found in the [2008 annual report](#), available on our website.

Responsible Purchaser Award

The King County Environmental Purchasing Program won the 2009 "Responsible Purchaser of the Year" award from the [Responsible Purchasing Network](#). Karen Hamilton and Eric Nelson accepted the award on behalf of the program and all of the King County employees who are incorporating environmental considerations into their purchasing decisions, at the Seattle Green Festival on March 28th.



From left to right:

Alicia Culver
Dave Wetzel
Jeffrey Baer
Karen Hamilton
Eric Nelson

Fellow award winners include:

Jeffrey Baer

Director, Bureau of Purchases, City of Portland, Oregon

- ▶ Adoption of Portland's Sustainable Procurement Policy and Sweatshop Free Procurement Policy

Yalmaz Siddiqui (accepted by Dave Wetzel)

Director of Environmental Strategy, Office Depot

- ▶ Publication of the "Green Book" catalog of green office products

Alicia Culver

on behalf of the Green Purchasing Institute

- ▶ Issuing a Model Green Lighting Specification and co-authoring the Responsible Purchasing Guide to Fluorescent Lighting

Environmental Purchasing Program

The King County Environmental Purchasing Program assists County agencies in implementation of King County [Executive Policy CON-7-1-2](#), which requires agencies to use recycled and other environmentally preferable products wherever practicable.

The program assembles information about these products and makes it available to specific agency users who can evaluate them and develop applications in County projects.

These environmental purchasing bulletins contain information about the results of product evaluations and other accomplishments of County agencies. We hope this information will help you find ways to use environmentally preferable products in the work of your agency and that you will contact us if we can help you with further information or if you have suggestions.